

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2689
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000
POLICY ON CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formulated a new National Policy entitled 'National Programme for Control and Treatment of Occupational Diseases';
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the sections covered by this scheme; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to come into force, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2689 FOR 6.12.2000

A National Programme on 'Control and Treatment of Occupational Disease' has been launched in the year 1998. The National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad has been identified as the nodal agency for implementing the programme. Under the programme, the Institute has initiated several projects in the areas of occupational health. These projects have been initiated in different States like Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu in occupational health related areas like Agate industry, Tobacco harvesters, Salt Workers, Cottage Industries with high risk of silicosis, Health problems of Cycle Rickshaw Pullers, Child Labour etc.